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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application)	<u>PATENT APPLICATION</u>
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Inventor(s): Hermiston et al.)	Art Unit: 1614
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SC/Serial No.: 09/472,691)	
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Filed: December 27, 1999)	
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Title: Adenovirus E1B Shuttle Vectors)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir or Madam:

The undersigned, attorney of record, respectfully request the following amendments to the above-identified patent application.

In the Specification

Page 1, after the title, add a new paragraph:

-- This Application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No.

60/117,814, filed January 28, 1999 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/157,288,
filed October 1, 1999. --

Page 21, line 22, after "2070" add Sequence <400> 1;

Page 21, line 25, after "3498" add Sequence <400> 2;

Page 22, line 11, after "2047" add Sequence <400> 3;

Page 22, line 13, after "2002" add Sequence <400> 4;

Page 22, line 26, after "2272" add Sequence <400> 5;

Page 22, line 30, after "2202" add Sequence <400> 6;

Page 23, line 7, after "1361" add Sequence <400> 7;

Page 23, line 10, after "3498" add Sequence <400> 8;

Page 23, line 26, after "4077" add Sequence <400> 9;

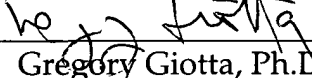
Page 23, line 30, after "4021" add Sequence <400> 10;

Page 24, line 14, after "1655" add Sequence <400> 11; and

Page 24, line 16, after "2911" add Sequence <400> 12.

Respectfully submitted,

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